



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 599

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning Weighted Tourism Voting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. The Connecticut Tourism Council, in consultation with
2 the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Office
3 of Tourism, shall conduct a study examining the redistricting of
4 tourism districts for the purpose of distributing funds to the districts
5 based on their tourism assets. Said council shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
7 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce on or
8 before January 1, 2001.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 32-302 of the general statutes is
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

11 (b) Each tourism district shall have a board of directors consisting of
12 one representative from each municipality within the district, [with a
13 population less than sixty-five thousand and two representatives from
14 each municipality within the district with a population greater than
15 sixty-five thousand,] The board shall also consist of additional
16 municipal representatives, the total of which shall equal the total
17 number of municipalities within the district. Each municipality shall
18 have an additional representative in proportion to its share of the
19 revenue generated within the district by sales within the meaning of
20 subdivision (h) of subsection (2) of section 12-407, as amended, by any

21 hotel or lodging house. The municipal representative shall be
22 appointed by the board of selectmen of towns, the council or board of
23 aldermen of cities or the board of burgesses of boroughs. Any such
24 director shall serve for a term of three years. In addition, the board of
25 directors [may] shall appoint up to twenty-one persons representing
26 tourism interests in each municipality within the district to serve on
27 the board and the number of such members from each municipality
28 shall be in proportion to the share of revenue generated within each
29 municipality of the district by sales within the meaning of subdivision
30 (h) of subsection (2) of section 12-407, as amended, by any hotel or
31 lodging house. All appointments to the board of directors shall be
32 reported to the director of the Office of Tourism. A tourism district
33 shall indemnify any director or employee of such district for liability
34 imposed by law for negligent acts or omissions.

CE Committee Vote: Yea 13 Nay 9 JFS